

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON COMMERCE**

Tuesday, October 23, 2007

9:00 a.m.

Room 519, House Office Building

Chair Meisner called the Standing Committee on Commerce to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Clemente, Coulouris, Dean, Griffin, Johnson, Sheltroun, Simpson, Valentine, Hildenbrand, Huizenga, Palsrok, Rick Jones, Knollenberg, Meltzer (16/19)

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Reps. Accavitti, Byrum, Stakoe (3/19)

The committee met jointly with the Public Transit Subcommittee of the Standing Committee on Transportation.

Opening remarks were made by **Chair Meisner** and **Chair Donigan**.

The following people gave presentations on the economic development benefit of mass transit in the State of Michigan:

Jennifer Kalczuk, External Relations Manager, The Rapid (Interurban Transit Partnership);

Meghan Owens, Executive Director, Transportation Riders United (TRU);

Luke Forrest, Public Policy Director, Michigan Suburbs Alliance; and

Andy Guy, Grand Rapids Project Director, Michigan Land Use Institute.

Written material was submitted by Ms. Owens, Mr. Forrest and Mr. Guy.

Questions and discussion followed each presentation.

Frank DeRose Jr., representing AARP, testified in support of public transportation in Michigan.

Representative Robert Jones moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on October 16, 2007. Hearing no objection, the **motion prevailed** with unanimous consent.

Representative Sheltroun moved to excuse absent members. Hearing no objection, **Chair Meisner** excused **Representatives Accavitti, Byrum and Stakoe**.

The Chair laid **House Bill 4778** before the committee.

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Insurance; no-fault; insurer interests in certain motor vehicle repair facilities; prohibit.

Representative Simpson moved to report **House Bill 4778** with recommendation that the bill be referred to the Committee on Insurance.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Clemente, Johnson, Sheltroun, Simpson, Valentine, Hildenbrand, Palsrok, Knollenberg, Meltzer (11/19)

NAYS: None (0/19)

PASS: None (0/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being **10:35 a.m.**

Representative Andy Meisner, Chair

Jean Hamelin, Committee Clerk
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